

► Web Transition Resources Targeted toward Families and Others

AAP Transitions -- www.medicalhomeinfo.org/tools/trans.html

Sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics as part of the web site for the National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children. The site includes many educational health transition resources, including examples of assessments, checklists, and worksheets; information for providers; information for families/caregivers; and information about programs for adolescents/youth. Some materials are available to download directly from the site, and others may be ordered.

Adolescent Health Transition Project – depts.washington.edu/healthtr/

Sponsored by the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program of the Washington State Department of Health, the site is housed through the Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD) at the University of Washington, Seattle. This site is a resource for information, materials, and links to other people with an interest in health transition issues. Some of the topics included are: information targeted toward providers and educators, parents and families, or teens and young adults; a transition timeline and an adolescent autonomy checklist; a transition resource notebook; and a health history summary form for teens. Transition timelines are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, and Chinese.

Annie E. Casey Foundation Publications --

<http://www.aecf.org/OrderPublications.aspx>

Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private, not-for-profit organization, devoted to serving children in foster care and children who are at risk for poor educational, economic, social, and health outcomes. The publications web pages offer printed resources on a wide variety of topics and include a page for Foster Care/Youth Transition/Youth Development. Publications may either be downloaded or ordered free of charge through the web site.

Build Your Own Care Notebook –

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/CareNoteBook/>

Created by Dr. Charles Onufer, Director of the Division of Specialized Care for Children at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Title V CSHCN Services Program staff, this site is made available through the American Academy of Pediatrics National Center of Medical Home Initiatives. The site is designed to help families build care notebooks for their children with special needs. Categories of sample forms include cover pages, personal information, appointment scheduling and information, personal notes, care needs, community health care service providers, and school issues. It allows parents to select from many different versions of existing care notebook forms and put them together to create a customized care notebook.

DSCC Transition Information and Resources --

<http://internet.dsccl.uic.edu/dscclroot/parents/transition.asp>

Sponsored by the Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) at the University of Illinois Chicago (ILC), DSCC was established in 1937, and it is the Illinois Title V agency that provides care coordination for families and children with special health care needs. The site includes a transition information fact sheet for families, worksheets for youth and families, age specific teaching sheets, timelines, a two-page healthcare transition checklist, information about education and employment, questions to ask potential adult physicians, and links to other resources.

Family Village: Transition & the Internet --

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/sp/TRANS.HTML

Sponsored by the Waisman Center (see below), the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation and housed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Family Village is a global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them with services and support. This web site has a comprehensive and wide variety of links to other web resources pertaining to transition.

Health Care Transitions -- <http://hctransitions.ichp.ufl.edu/>

Sponsored by the Institute on Child Health Policy, University of Florida, and supported through a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), the site includes research about promising practices in transition and provides a variety of other transition resources, including provider and youth/family resource manuals, a comprehensive bibliography of transition publications, and links to information specifically for people with cystic fibrosis or bleeding disorders.

Healthy & Ready to Work National Center -- <http://www.mchbhrw.org/>

Sponsored by and funded through a cooperative agreement from the Integrated Services Branch, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs (DSCSHN) in the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the site provides information and connections to health and transition expertise nationwide and focuses on understanding systems, access to quality health care, and increasing the involvement of youth. It also includes provider preparation plus tools and resources needed to make more informed choices!

Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) --

www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/adolescent Click on Education & Training, then on Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH).

Sponsored through the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Adolescent Medicine and Sports Medicine (Houston, TX), LEAH is a specialized training program in adolescent health care that focuses on an interdisciplinary team approach to healthcare. Faculty members represent the disciplines of medicine, nursing, nutrition, psychology, public health, and social work. This program stresses excellence in adolescent health and

finding ways to meet the healthcare needs of adolescents. The LEAH program is funded by a grant from the Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB) under Title V.

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition –

www.ncset.org/default.asp

Sponsored by National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) and affiliated with the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota, NCSET coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures. Many resources for youth and families are available in both English and Spanish.

National Dissemination Center on Children with Disabilities (aka NICHCY) –

http://www.nichcy.org/EducateChildren/transition_adulthood/Pages/Default.aspx

This Web page is made possible through Cooperative Agreement #H326N030003 between the Academy of Educational Development and the Office of Special Education Programs of the U.S. Department of Education. The “Transition to Adulthood” Web pages include links to Transitions 101, Transition Resources for Parents, Transition Resources for Students, Transition Resources for Professionals (mostly educators and school administrators), and Transition and Specific Disabilities. They provide a wealth of well-organized resources from a variety of nationally-recognized sources.

PACER Center -- <http://www.pacer.org/index.htm>

Founded in 1977, sponsored by the Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights, and based in Minnesota, PACER Center was created by parents of children and youth with disabilities to help other parents and families facing similar challenges. Its mission is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. Site includes a comprehensive catalogue of both free and for purchase publications.

Partners Resource Network (Texas) – www.partnerstx.org/

Partners Resource Network (PRN) is a non-profit agency that operates the statewide network of federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI's) in Texas. Their mission is to empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children and to promote partnerships among parents and professionals. The transition page includes information about issues including postsecondary education, non-degree postsecondary options, and employment. The site also includes some resources in Spanish and other languages.

Transition Matters -- www.transitionmatters.org/

Transition Matters is a website published and maintained by James E. Williams, Jr., a person with Asperger's Syndrome and pervasive developmental delay (PDD) attending Sam Houston State University preparing for a career as a special education teacher. The web site contains documents or links that pertain to Post-Secondary Transition and Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism.

Waisman Center – <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/hrtw/index.html>

Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the Waisman Center Wisconsin Healthy and Ready to Work site describes the Title V transition activities in Wisconsin. Among its resources are links to other sites with topics that include assistive technology, transition planning and checklists, benefits and financial planning, community living, education, employment, health and health care, housing, mental health, relationships, sexuality, and many more. Publications include a training guide in two parts -- for families and young adults, and a book of individual transition stories.

Wrightslaw – <http://www.wrightslaw.com>

Wrightslaw provides accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. The site can be used by young adults, parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys. There are search capabilities found within links to advocacy libraries and law libraries, with thousands of articles, cases, and free resources about many topics. Though this is a commercial site, most of its information is available at no charge.